



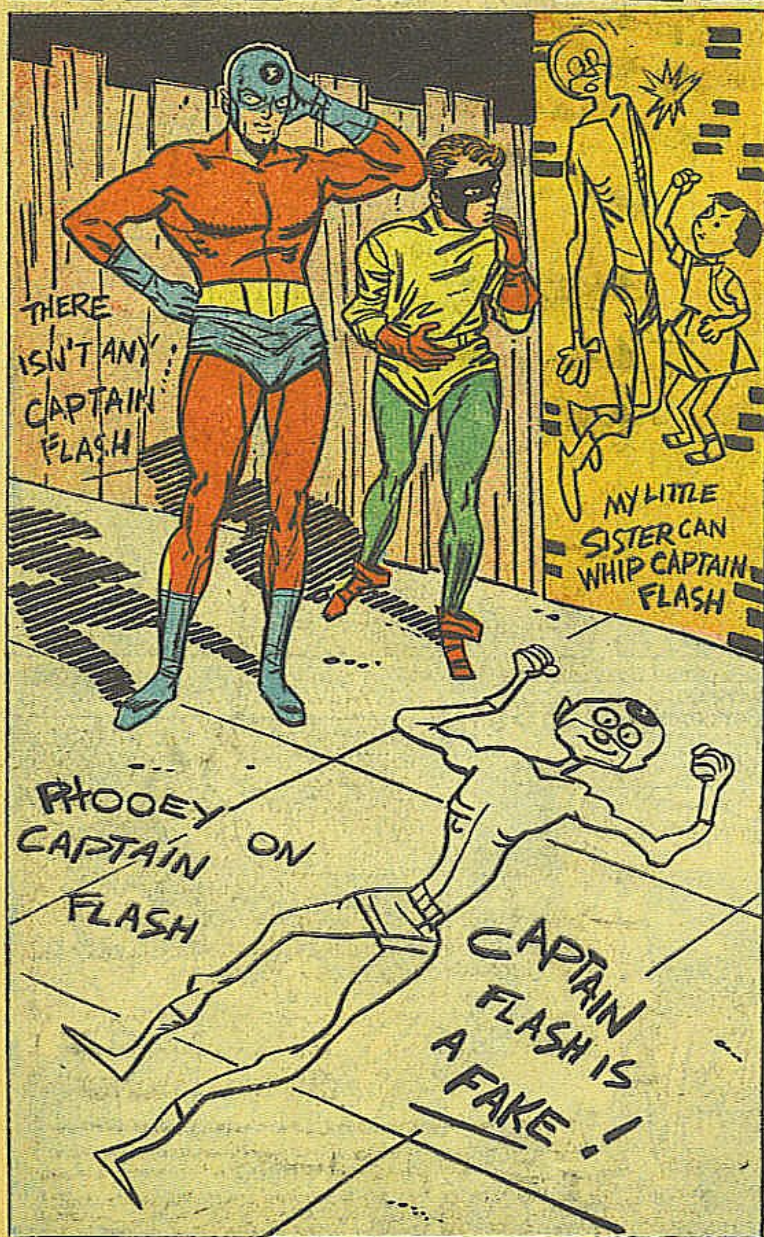
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# CAPTAIN FLASH!

Is there really a Captain Flash? Can one man do so many things? Or is Captain Flash a myth?... a figment of the Police Department's imagination to cow criminals and those who would break the Law? Of course, those who have crossed his path know he's anything but a myth! But when a group of boys begin to doubt his identity, then the mighty Atomic man, who is really Professor Keith Spencer has to find the answer of...

## MAN OR MYTH?

ONE DAY, IN RICKY'S CLASS AT ATOM CITY...





**T**HE FOLLOWING DAY AS THE PROFESSOR AND RICKY TAKE A WALK...



HMM...  
NOT  
VERY  
FLAT-  
TERING!

IT'S THE STATUE  
THEY ERECTED  
IN CAPTAIN  
FLASH'S HONOR  
WHEN HE  
SAVED THE LAB  
FROM THE  
MIRROR MAN!



I GUESS THE  
ONLY THING TO  
DO IS VISIT  
THE BOYS  
AS CAPTAIN  
FLASH!

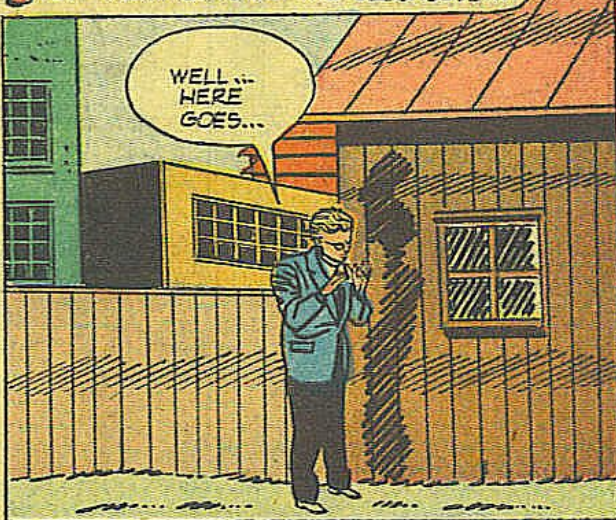
GREAT!  
THEY'RE  
HOLDING A  
CLUB  
MEETING  
THIS  
AFTERNOON!



**L**ATER THAT AFTERNOON...

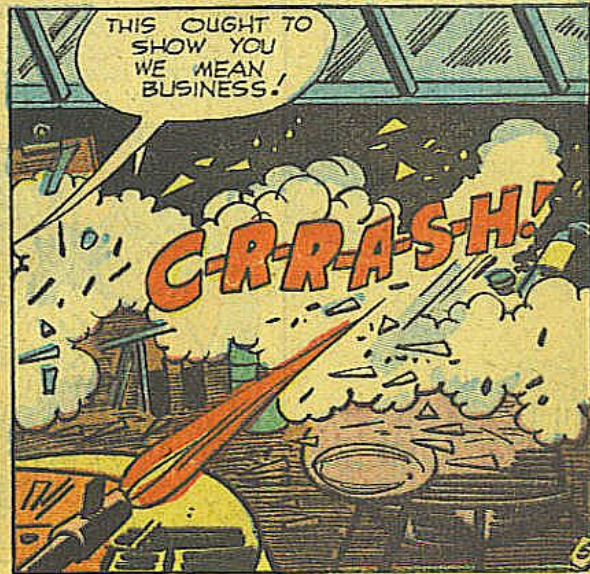
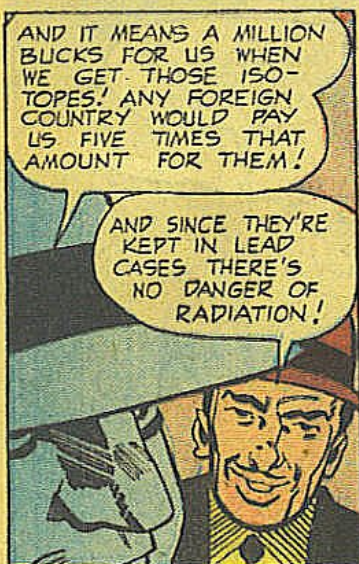
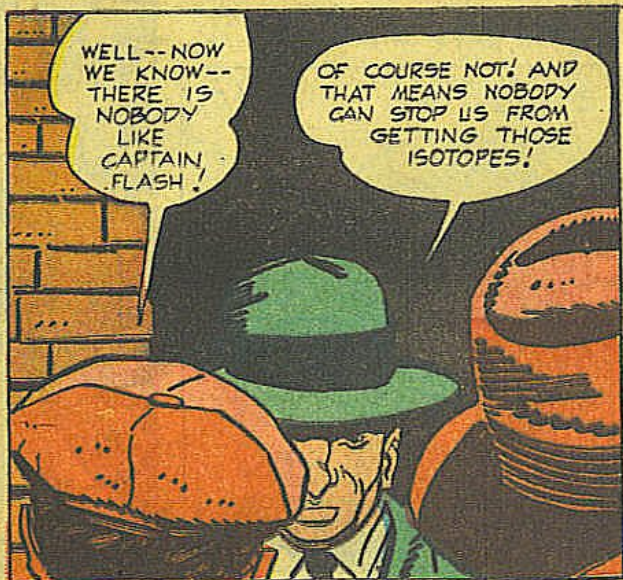


**J**UST THEN...OUTSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE...





MEANWHILE, A GROUP OF HARD LOOKING MEN WATCH A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...



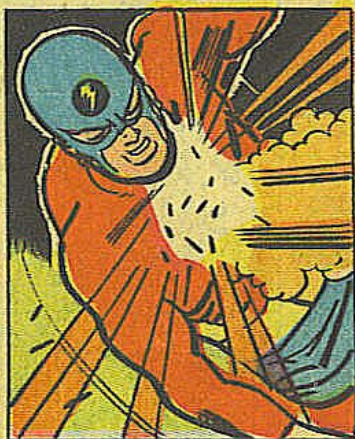
**THE SOUND REACHES THE SUPER-SENSITIVE EARS OF CAPTAIN FLASH...**



**INSTANTLY, CAPTAIN FLASH BRINGS HIS HANDS TOGETHER AND A CHARGED UP CAPTAIN FLASH IS READY FOR ACTION!**



**MOVING LIKE A BLURRED STREAK, CAPTAIN FLASH TAKES THE FUSILLADE OF BULLETS WHICH BOUNCE HARMLESSLY OFF HIS CHEST!**





**A**CTING WITH SPLIT SECOND SPEED, THE MIGHTY ATOM MAN CUSHIONS THE EXPLOSION WITH HIS POWERFUL BODY...



**T**HE MOTORS OF THE HELICOPTER ARE REWED UP TO MAXIMUM, BUT NOTHING HAPPENS...



**F**LEXING HIS MIGHTY MUSCLES, CAPTAIN FLASH FLINGS THE HELICOPTER INTO A CRUMPLED HEAP...



HERE'S THE ISOTOPE SUPPLY-- SAFE AND SOUND!

WELL-- WHAT DO YOU SAY-- IS THERE A CAPTAIN FLASH?

IF I DIDN'T SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES--



**A**FTER THE POLICE HAVE TAKEN THE CRIMINALS TO JAIL...





AT YOUR  
FAVORITE  
NEWSSTAND



LOOK FOR  
THESE  
**HARD HITTING**  
PARTNERS  
for  
**MORE READING  
PLEASURE!!**

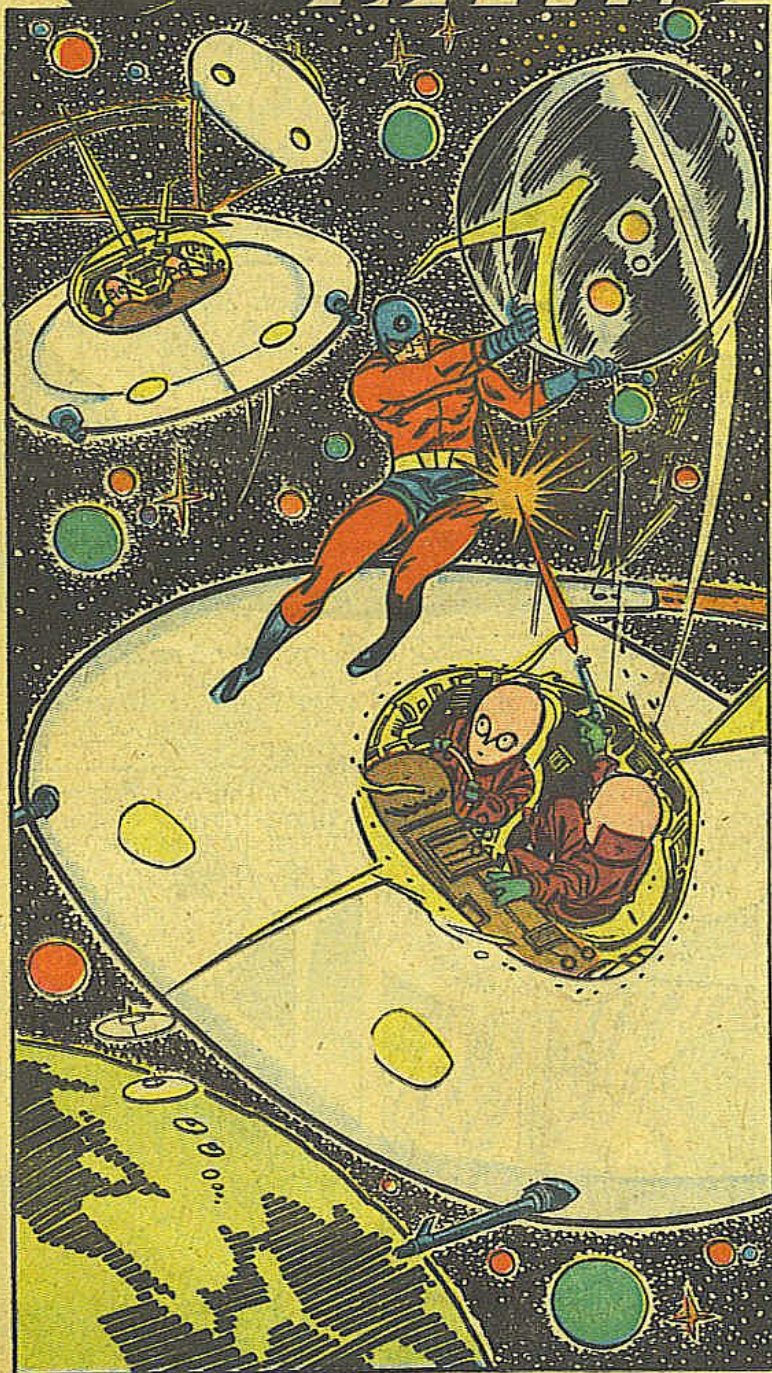
The MAGAZINES THAT GO ALL OUT  
IN ACTION, THRILLS, EXCITEMENT!

# CAPTAIN FLASH

The

# INVADERS!

From out of space come strange creatures to threaten the earth! And once again the daring two-fisted, invincible CAPTAIN FLASH, who is really Prof. Keith Spencer, goes forth to meet the challenge to save mankind from the menace of...



IT'S 11 P.M. AND THE EMPLOYEES AT THE ATOM CITY LABORATORIES, WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING OVERTIME, ARE THROUGH FOR THE NIGHT. KEITH SPENCER AND RICKY DAVIS ARE LEAVING WITH THEM WHEN THE BLAST OCCURS...

GREAT SCOTT, KEITH, WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE COULD HAVE BLOWN UP OUT THERE ON THE DESSERT?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I'M GOING TO TRY TO FIND OUT! COME ON --- I'LL DRIVE OUT THERE IN MY CAR!



SOON... WE'LL KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT AFTER WE'VE GONE DOWN FOR A LOOK!



WHEN KEITH AND RICKY REACHED THE CRATER, THEY FOUND AN OLD SOURDOUGH THERE AHEAD OF THEM...

DID YOU SEE WHAT WAS COMING BACK FROM MY HIT HERE, MISTER?

SURE DID! I WAS JUST COMING BACK FROM MY URANIUM PROSPECTIN' WHEN I SEE THIS BIG THING... IT WAS FLAT LIKE A PIE PLATE... CAME DOWN ABOUT A HUNDRED MILES A SECOND... IT WAS ALL LIT UP, AND...



HERE WE GO AGAIN... THE OLD MAN SAYS HE SAW A FLYING SAUCER!

NO I DIDN'T! NEITHER! I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' ABOUT NO FLYIN' SAUCER... I ONLY KNOW WHAT I SEEN!

LET'S GO DOWN THERE, RICKY!



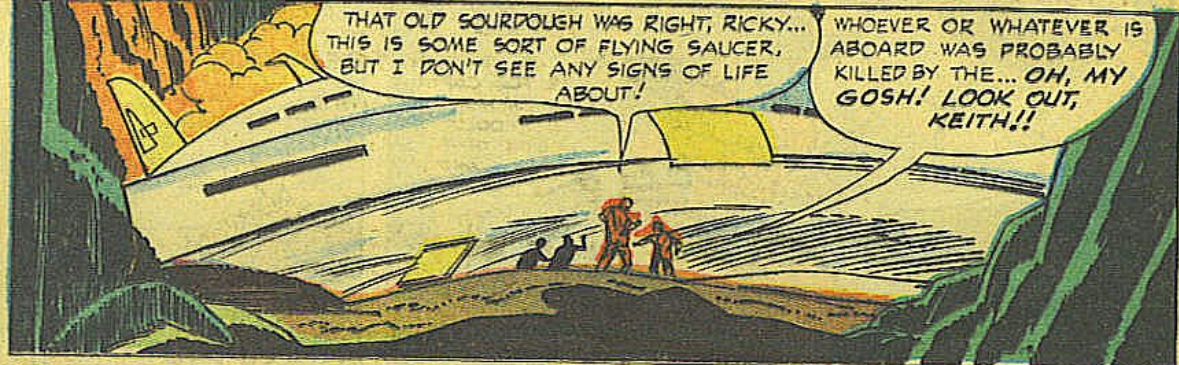
WE MUST BE DOWN A HUNDRED FEET, KEITH! I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL A LOT OF PRESSURE ON MY EARDRUMS!

I DON'T THINK WE'VE GOT MUCH FURTHER TO GO, RICKY! I SEE SOMETHING!



THAT OLD SOURDOUGH WAS RIGHT, RICKY... THIS IS SOME SORT OF FLYING SAUCER, BUT I DON'T SEE ANY SIGNS OF LIFE ABOUT!

WHOEVER OR WHATEVER IS ABOARD WAS PROBABLY KILLED BY THE... OH, MY GOSH! LOOK OUT, KEITH!!



BEFORE KEITH SPENCER CAN CLAP HIS HANDS AND BRING ABOUT THE ATOMIC CHARGE THAT WOULD CHANGE HIM INTO THE MIGHTY CAPTAIN FLASH...

OUTNUMBERED, THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE STRANGE INVADERS PROVED USELESS! KEITH AND RICKY ARE SOON PRISONERS ABOARD THE FLYING SAUCER...

SUDDENLY, THE FLYING SAUCER RISES WITH SUCH TREMENDOUS SPEED THAT IT IS INVISIBLE TO THOSE GATHERED AT THE CRATER'S EDGE...

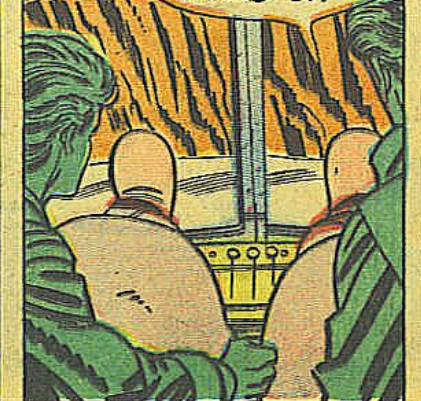
TRY, KEITH, TRY!

I CAN'T! THEY ARE DUPLICATES OF MYSELF! RICKY... BEHIND YOU!



THEY'VE CHANGED THEIR APPEARANCE, KEITH! WHAT DO THEY WANT WITH US?

I'M NOT SURE, BUT FROM THE LOOKS OF THESE CREATURES I'D SAY THEY'RE FROM OUT OF THIS WORLD... AND THAT'S PROBABLY WHERE THEY'RE TAKING US!



WHAT'S THAT? I FEEL A HOT WIND!

THE COOL DESERT AIR HITTING THAT WHITE HOT METEORITE HAS CAUSED A BACK-BLAST! WE'LL NEVER SEE KEITH SPENCER OR RICKY DAVIS AGAIN!



**S**TREAKING THROUGH SPACE AT 6,000 MILES A SECOND, THE FLYING SAUCER REACHES THE MOON IN A SHORT TIME...

WE'LL BE BLOWN TO BITS WHEN WE HIT, KEITH!

NO, YOU ARE TOO VALUABLE TO LOSE THAT WAY! WE'LL SWERVE AROUND THE MOON IN A FEW MINUTES!

HEAR THAT, KEITH? NOT ONLY CAN THEY MAKE THEMSELVES LOOK LIKE US... THIS LITTLE GUY SPEAKS ENGLISH... AND WITH MY VOICE!

WOULD YOU MIND LETTING US KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT?

I'LL TELL YOU THIS MUCH. WE ARE FROM IMAGO, AN ORBITLESS PLANET! WE CAN CONTROL OUR DIRECTION AND NOW WE'VE CONCEALED OURSELVES BEHIND THE MOON!

YOU MEAN YOU'RE HIDING... WAITING TO SNEAK UP ON THE EARTH? BUT WHY? WHY NOT BE OUR FRIENDS?

**K**EITH SPENCER'S QUESTIONS GO UNANSWERED AS THE FLYING SAUCER SLOWS FOR A LANDING ON IMAGO...

**S**OON...

THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME FOR CAPTAIN FLASH TO PUT IN HIS APPEARANCE! WE COULD GET BACK INTO THAT SAUCER AND...

NOT YET, RICK! EVEN IF WE GET AWAY, THE EARTH WILL STILL BE IN DANGER! I WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT THE PEOPLE OF IMAGO ARE UP TO!

WE APPROACH MIRAGO, LORD OF ALL IMAGONS! YOU WILL BOTH PROSTRATE YOURSELVES AT HIS FEET AND DO NOT RISE UNTIL HE SPEAKS!

FRIEND, YOU BROUGHT THE WRONG PEOPLE TO YOUR SHABBY LITTLE PLANET! AMERICANS WON'T LIE DOWN BEFORE ANY MAN... HERE OR ON EARTH!

SO YOU'RE MIRAGO! THE LITTLE MAN WHO PLANS TO TAKE OVER THE EARTH! I DON'T THINK YOU'LL SUCCEED!

AH, BUT WE MUST SUCCEED... OR PERISH! IMAGO WAS ONCE A THRIVING PLANET UNTIL THE SUN LOST ITS GRAVITATIONAL HOLD ON US! IMAGO SLOWLY HAS BEEN TURNING BACK INTO THE GASEOUS STATE OF 10,000,000 YEARS AGO... A POWDER KEG FLOATING THROUGH THE UNIVERSE!

POWDER KEG? EXACTLY! ONE TINY SPARK AND IMAGO MIGHT BE ATOMIZED! IT'LL BE THE END OF THE MIRAGO DYNASTY! MY ANCESTORS HAVE RULED FOR 2,000,000 YEARS...AND IF I CANNOT HAVE THIS PLANET, THEN I'LL TAKE OVER ANOTHER!

AND WITH YOUR ABILITY TO LOOK AND SOUND LIKE EARTHMEN, YOU'LL INVADE OUR PLANET, POSE AS WORLD LEADERS AND SOW DISTRUST AND HATE AMONG US UNTIL OUR PEOPLE DESTROY EACH OTHER! PRECISELY! THAT'S WHY WE NEEDED YOU TWO EARTHLINGS-- TO IMAGE OURSELVES BY! IN A YEAR, MIRAGO WILL RULE A NEW PLANET-- EARTH!



KEITH SPENCER AT LAST BRINGS HIS HANDS TOGETHER, STARTING THE ATOMIC EXPLOSION WITHIN HIMSELF, THAT WILL CHANGE HIM INTO...

...THE MIGHTY MAN OF RADIATION, CAPTAIN FLASH!



BUT LORD MIRAGO REACTS SWIFTLY! HE BARKS A COMMAND...



CAPTAIN FLASH-- I CAN'T TELL WHICH ONE IS YOU!

THEY SHOULD HAVE PRINTED SCORECARDS!



I GET YOU...WE'LL TALK A LINGO ONLY WE KNOW...BASEBALL! AND THE ONE WHO ANSWERS FIRST IS EITHER YOU OR ME!

RIGHT, RICKY! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE BRAVES' CHANCES THIS YEAR?

CAPTAIN FLASH MAKES A SUDDEN DISCOVERY...



RICKY, THE HOME TEAM PLAYERS LOOK LIKE US EXCEPT FOR ONE THING... THE PALMS OF THEIR HANDS ARE GREEN!

SO I SEE! I THINK THE YANKS STAND A GOOD CHANCE IF WE TRY A DOUBLE STEAL FOR THE PLATE! HOW ABOUT A HIT-AND-RUN PLAY?

THE BASEBALL PATTERN BEWILTERS THE IMAGIONS AND CAPTAIN FLASH CATCHES THEM COMPLETELY OFF GUARD.



WHAT'S THE SCORE, RICKY?

I HAVE TO USE FOOTBALL TACTICS! THE OPPOSITION WON'T STICK TO BASEBALL RULES! I HOPE YOU'RE HEADED FOR THE PLATE, CAPTAIN FLASH!

**CAPTAIN FLASH** KNOWS THAT RICKY'S "HOME PLATE" MEANS THE HANGAR WHERE THE IMAGION FLYING SAUCERS ARE KEPT...



GET INTO THAT SAUCER, RICKY! I'M GOING TO PUT THESE OTHERS OUT OF COMMISSION SO THEY CAN'T FOLLOW US!

MAKE IT FAST! THEY'RE COMING!

**THIRTY SECONDS LATER...**

**THE SECOND IMAGION SAUCER ZOOMS UP TO INTERCEPT THE EARTH-MEN. A FIERCE DUEL BEGINS...**

**AN "ICE BOLT" STREAKS INTO THE SAUCER AND FLASH, SHOVING RICKY OUT OF HARM'S WAY, TAKES THE BOLT!**

WE MADE IT, CAPTAIN FLASH! NOT YET, RICKY! I FORGOT THAT SAUCER ON THE LANDING FIELD... THE ONE WE CAME IN! IT'S TAKING OFF-- WE'RE IN FOR A BATTLE!

I LEARNED TO FLY THIS BY WATCHING...BUT IF THERE ARE ANY WEAPONS ABOARD, I'M STYMIED--WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE THEM!

WE CAN'T JUST SIT HERE LIKE SETTING DUCKS!

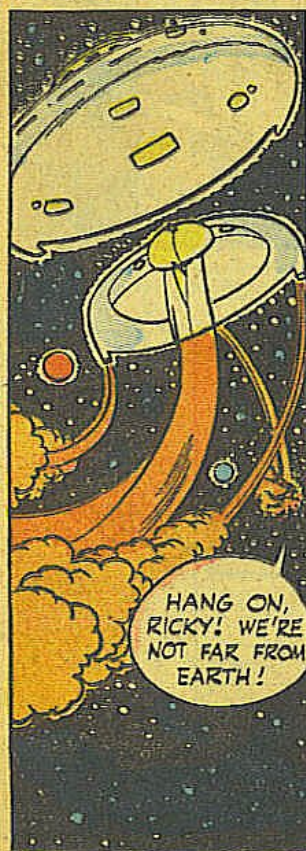
WOW! IF THAT THING HIT ME, I'D BE DONE FOR!

THEY WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO DO THAT! I'M GOING TO RAM THEM, RICKY!



**CAPTAIN FLASH'S SAUCER PASSES BENEATH THE ENEMY'S, THEN SHOOT'S UPWARD WITH FULL FORCE!**

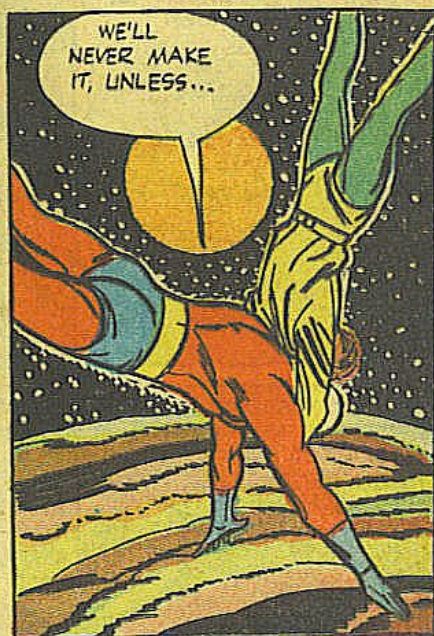
**AND AS THEY HURL EARTHWARD...**



HANG ON, RICKY! WE'RE NOT FAR FROM EARTH!



THAT'S THE END OF OUR PLAYMATES!



WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT, UNLESS...

**CAPTAIN FLASH AGAIN, WITH A CLAP OF HIS HANDS, RENEWS THE ATOMIC IMPULSE IN HIMSELF BEFORE THEY LAND.**



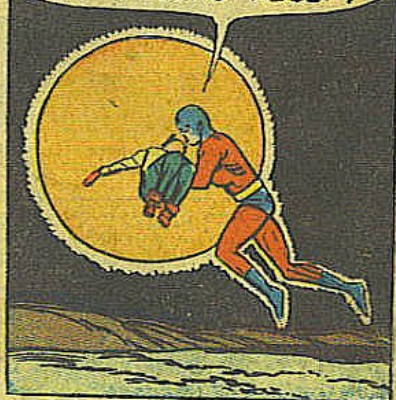
**DOWN, DOWN THEY GO... BUT THE BLAST CUSHIONS THEIR FALL BY CREATING AN UP-DRAFT...**



RICKY... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? I... I GUESS, SO, CAPTAIN FLASH! BUT I'M HUNGRY, THIRSTY...!



I'LL HAVE YOU BACK IN ATOM CITY IN A FEW MINUTES, RICKY... AND AFTER WE'VE HAD FOOD AND DRINK, WE'RE GOING BACK TO THAT CRATER - AND MAKE SURE NO OTHER IMAGIONS ARE LURKING ABOUT!

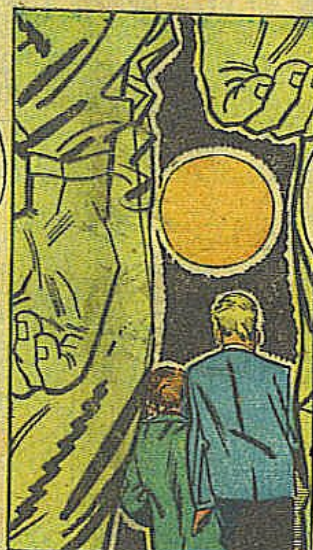


**LATER... AFTER CAPTAIN FLASH HAS TURNED BACK INTO KEITH SPENCER...**

YOU'RE SURE NO ONE ELSE CAME OUT OF THE CRATER? THERE'S BEEN A CROWD SINCE YOU WENT DOWN THERE... AND WE DIDN'T EVEN SEE YOU COME UP, PROFESSOR! BUT SINCE YOU'RE HERE AND SAFE, I GUESS WE'LL LEAVE!



**AND SO, SATISFIED THAT NONE OF THE IMAGIONS ARE LEFT ON EARTH, KEITH AND RICKY LEAVE WITH THE CROWD! THE NEXT DAY, AT ATOM CITY CITY HALL...**

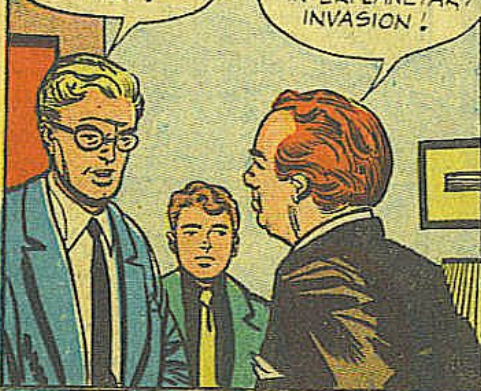


THAT'S THE STORY EXACTLY AS IT WAS TOLD TO ME BY CAPTAIN FLASH. MAYOR DALTON!

IMAGIONS! CREATURES FROM ANOTHER WORLD WHO CAN TALK AND LOOK LIKE ANY HUMAN. ONLY THE PALMS OF THEIR HANDS ARE GREEN! OH, COME PROFESSOR KEITH, SURELY YOU DON'T BELIEVE SUCH NONSENSE!



IT'S NOT NONSENSE... I HAPPEN TO KNOW EVERY WORD OF IT IS THE TRUTH BECAUSE I... ER... CAPTAIN FLASH NEVER LIES!



WELL, LET'S NOT ARGUE! PLEASE THANK CAPTAIN FLASH FOR SAVING US FROM INTERPLANETARY INVASION!

I DON'T THINK MAYOR DALTON IS AT ALL CONVINCED THAT THE EARTH WAS IN DANGER, RICKY!



WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE! THE DANGER IS PAST NOW, ISN'T IT?

**BUT WE KNOW BETTER! CAN THE IMAGIONS REALLY TAKE OVER THE EARTH? WATCH FOR THE NEXT THRILLING ISSUE OF CAPTAIN FLASH!**

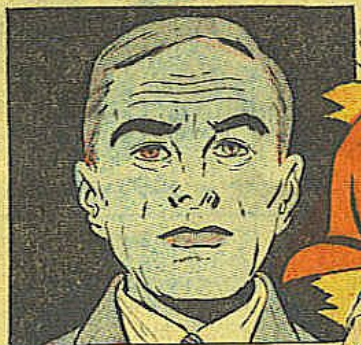
**THE END**

# TOMBOY

in  
**OUTSIDE  
THE LAW!**

Countless are the people TOMBOY has befriended. People caught in the greedy net of criminal extortion, their lives threatened by merciless gunmen! But there was one human being she never expected to find on the opposite side of the fence... someone who made her heartsick when she learned that the new criminal she had to battle was... **HER OWN FATHER!**

**WANTED BY THE  
POLICE.**



**LT. CHARLES JACKSON**

**POLICE OFFICIAL FINGERED  
BY GAMBLING SYNDICATE  
JACKSON DISAPPEARS  
CITY WIDE HUNT ON FOR IM-  
PLICATED POLICE LIEUTENANT**



**ONE AFTERNOON, AS JANIE JACKSON WAS WALKING  
HOME FROM SCHOOL...**

**DON'T YOU SAY  
ANYTHING TO ME,  
JANIE JACKSON!  
NOT ONE WORD!  
I DON'T WANT  
TO KNOW  
YOU!**

**WHAT'S WRONG  
WITH ALL OF YOU?  
YOU AVOID ME AS  
IF I WERE  
POISON!**



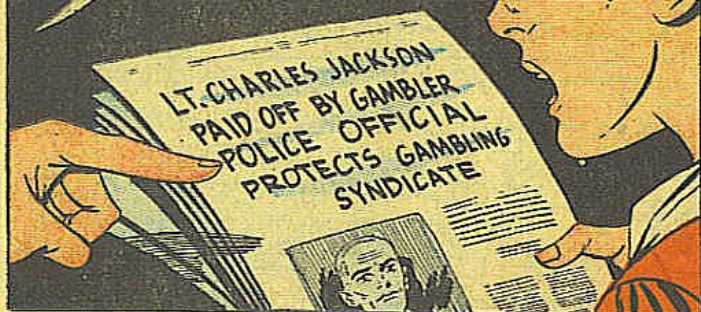
**MAYBE YOU  
ARE! YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILY  
CERTAINLY  
HAS US  
FOOLED!**

**WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?**

**DON'T TELL ME  
YOU DON'T KNOW  
ABOUT THIS!**



THERE'S A POLICE DRIVE ON! THEY ROUNDED UP A PACK OF GAMBLERS! WELL, ONE OF THEM TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR FATHER! HE SAID HE BRIBED YOUR FATHER PERSONALLY!



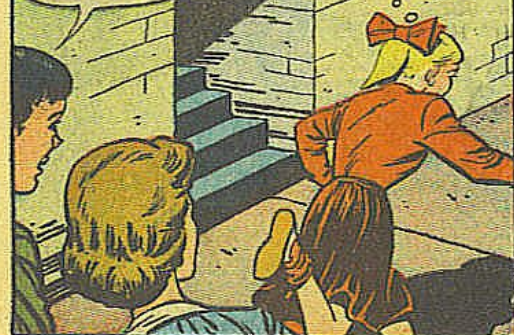
BUT IT'S NOT TRUE! MY FATHER HAS FOUGHT CRIME ALL HIS LIFE! WHY SHOULD HE STOP NOW?

THAT'S JUST IT! HE NEVER FOUGHT CRIME! HE ONLY PRETENDED TO! IF HE DID NOTHING WRONG, WHY DID HE RUN AWAY? WHY IS HE HIDING OUT?



IF THE ACCUSATION ISN'T TRUE, WHY DOESN'T HE FACE THE GAMBLER WHO ACCUSED HIM? BECAUSE IT'S TRUE... YOUR FATHER IS A CROOK!

N-NO...IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! NOT MY FATHER! NOT IN A MILLION YEARS!



**F**EW MINUTES LATER AT THE JACKSON HOME...

MOTHER! I HEARD SOMETHING! THE NEWSPAPERS ARE FULL OF IT! IS IT TRUE-- ABOUT DAD?

I DON'T KNOW, JANIE! I HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD FROM YOUR FATHER! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE HE IS!



BUT IT CAN'T BE TRUE, MOTHER! IT'S GOT TO BE A MISTAKE! FATHER COULDN'T BE INVOLVED WITH THE GAMBLERS! IT WAS HE WHO ORGANIZED THE DRIVE AGAINST THEM!

I--I KNOW, JANIE! I KNOW! BUT WHERE IS HE? IF HE'S INNOCENT WHY IS HE HIDING OUT? (SOB!)

LATER THAT NIGHT... AFTER HOURS OF GLOOMY SILENCE... AS THE PHONE RANG...

CHARLES! WHERE ARE YOU? WHAT'S HAPPENED!

IT'S DAD! I MUST LISTEN IN! I MUST HELP HIM! THERE'S ANOTHER PHONE DOWNSTAIRS!



DARLING! I-I'VE GOT TO TALK FAST! THEY LET ME MAKE THIS CALL! I'M IN TROUBLE, BUT DON'T WORRY! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!



I-I CAN'T HEAR YOU, CHARLES!  
I CAN'T HEAR WHAT YOU'RE  
SAYING! WE HAVE A BAD  
CONNECTION! GIVE ME  
YOUR NUMBER! I'LL  
CALL YOU BACK!

ALL RIGHT!  
BUT DON'T REVEAL  
THIS NUMBER TO  
ANYBODY! IT'S  
WATERFRONT-7  
9810. CALL  
ME RIGHT  
BACK! IT'S  
A PHONE  
BOOTH!

MINUTE LATER, IN THE PRIVACY  
OF JANE JACKSON'S BEDROOM,  
AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION  
INTO THE FAMED NEMESIS OF  
EVIL... TOMBOY!

NEVER, IN A MILLION YEARS  
DID I EXPECT TO FIND MY  
FATHER ON THE OTHER  
SIDE OF THE LAW!

WATERFRONT 7-  
9810! AS TOMBOY, I CAN  
ASK THE POLICE TO TRACE  
THAT NUMBER WITHOUT  
TELLING 'EM WHAT I  
WANT IT FOR!

BUT I'VE NO  
RIGHT TO CONDEMN  
HIM TILL I KNOW  
THE FACTS! I'VE  
GOT TO FIND OUT  
THE ADDRESS  
OF THAT  
PHONE  
BOOTH!

FIVE MINUTES LATER, AT A  
NEIGHBORHOOD DRUG STORE...

WE'VE GOT THAT  
ADDRESS FOR YOU,  
TOMBOY! IT'S A BOOTH  
IN NICK'S BILLIARD PARLOR  
AT 63 GARRETT ST.  
NEED ANY HELP?

NO, CAPTAIN!  
JUST  
CHECKING  
SOMETHING! I'LL  
LET YOU KNOW  
ABOUT IT  
LATER!

HERE'S 63 GARRETT  
STREET. HMM... NICE  
BUNCH OF BOYS  
HANG OUT HERE!

I'M NICK!  
AND I GOT  
NOTHIN' TO DO  
WITH  
TOMBOY!

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WHERE'S  
NICK?

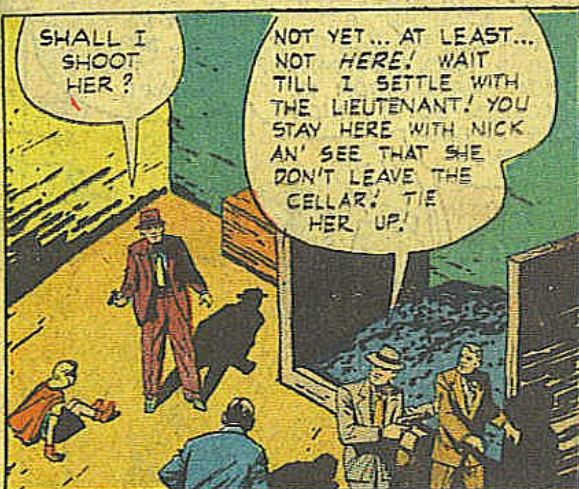
MAYBE YES-- AND  
MAYBE NOT! BUT  
I WANT A LOOK  
AROUND THE  
PREMISES!

NOT THESE  
PREMISES!  
THROW HER  
OUT, BOYS!

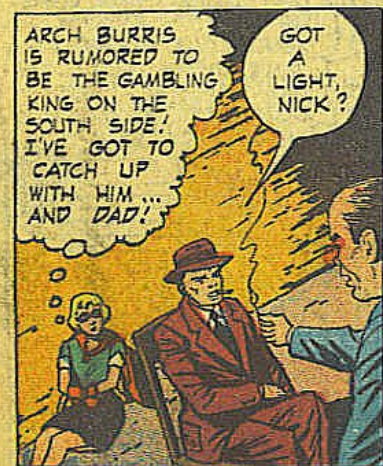




**T**O SAVE HER FATHER, THE VALIANT CRIME FIGHTER ALLOWS HERSELF TO BE CAPTURED...



**S**HORTLY AFTER, AS TOMBOY COMES TO, HER HEAD THROBBING WITH PAIN...





HEY... I HEAR NOISES! WHAT'S GOIN' ON? MHPH!

NOT A WORD! UNTIE ME AND TAKE ME WHERE BURRIS TOOK LIEUTENANT JACKSON... UNLESS YOU WANT A TEN YEAR JAIL SENTENCE!

OKAY! OKAY!

TWENTY MINUTES LATER, NEAR THE WATERFRONT, AFTER THE HOODLUM HAS TALKED...

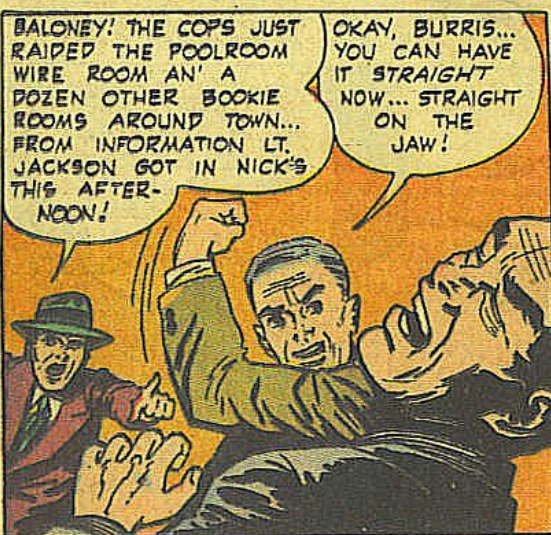
SO BURRIS SAW RED WHEN LT. JACKSON MADE IT HOT FOR HIS GAMBLING SYNDICATE! HE DECIDED TO GET EVEN BY FRAMING HIM!

RIGHT! BUT THE PAYOFF IS THIS! NOW THAT BURRIS SMEARED JACKSON GOOD AN' DIRTY, JACKSON WANTS TO GET ON HIS PAYROLL AN' GIVE BURRIS PROTECTION!

AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE SAME BUILDING...

HOLD IT, BOSS! DON'T SHAKE THAT DOUBLE-CROSSER'S HAND! HE'S PLAYIN' A TRICK ON YOU! HE'S PRETENDIN' TO GO CROOKED ONLY TO BUST THE SYNDICATE WIDE OPEN!

IT'S A LIE! YOUR FRAMEUP RUINED ME WITH THE FORCE! I MAY AS WELL GO IN WITH YOU!



BALONEY! THE COPS JUST RAIDED THE POOLROOM WIRE ROOM AN' A DOZEN OTHER BOOKIE ROOMS AROUND TOWN... FROM INFORMATION LT. JACKSON GOT IN NICK'S THIS AFTER-NOON!

OKAY, BURRIS... YOU CAN HAVE IT STRAIGHT NOW... STRAIGHT ON THE JAW!



I WAS PRETENDING TO GO CROOKED-- WITH POLICE COOPERATION! THE FORCE KNOWS ME TOO WELL! THEY CAN SMELL A PHONEY FRAMEUP FROM THE MCCOY! WE DECIDED TO BUST YOU UP FROM INSIDE!

JUMPIN' JUNIPER! I'M JUST IN TIME FOR THE PARTY!



SO YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE LAW, LIEUTENANT?

I ALWAYS WAS, TOMBOY! I COULDN'T EXPLAIN UNTIL I GOT BURRIS DEAD TO RIGHTS!



BY THE WAY... THANKS FOR SHOWING UP IN THE NICK OF TIME! HERE COME THE BOYS!

YOU'RE WELCOME, DA-- ER... I MEAN... LIEUTENANT!

YIPES! I ALMOST GAVE MYSELF AWAY!

THAT NIGHT, AT LT. JACKSON'S HOME...

THAT TOMBOY IS JUST MARVELOUS, JANIE! SOME DAY YOU OUGHT TO MEET HER!

YOU KNOW, DAD, SOMEHOW I FEEL AS IF I KNOW HER ALREADY!

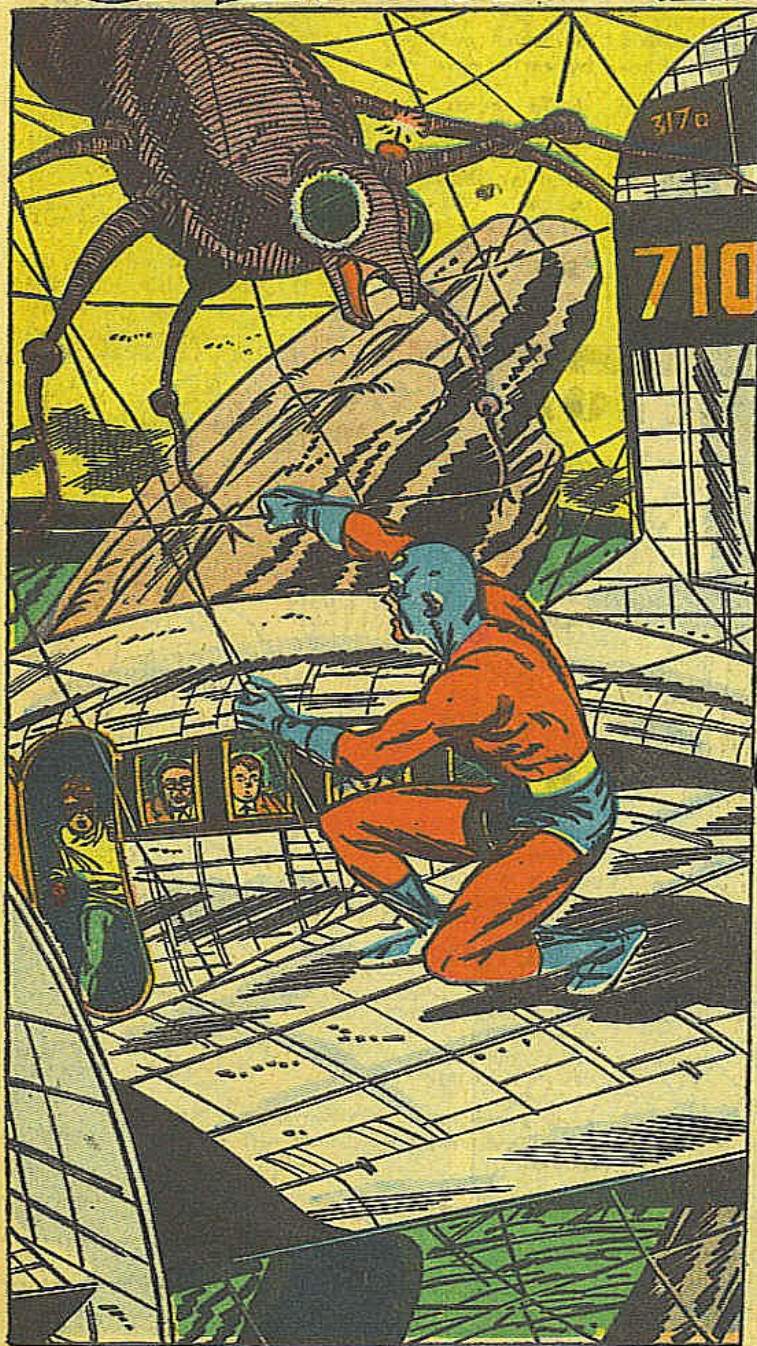
LT. JACKSON HADN'T POLICE FULL BLAZE TO EXPOSE GAMBLER'S SYNDICATE. TOMBOY SAVED JACKSON'S LIFE HIS BROKEN UP

THE END

# CAPTAIN FLASH!

*What is the answer to the mystery of the missing airliners? When Captain Flash sets forth to solve that fantastic riddle, he finds himself mixed up in a titanic struggle with the evil cunning of an old foe... and the fate of many innocent people hangs on the outcome of a desperate battle in a...*

## SKY WEB



KEITH SPENCER IS BUSY WITH A PROBLEM OF RADIATION IN HIS LAB AT ATOM CITY, WHEN HIS YOUNG FRIEND, RICKY DAVIS, INTERRUPTS...



WHAT IS IT, RICKY? I HAVEN'T MUCH TIME!

LOOK AT THIS AD IN THE PAPER!

"ATTENTION, CAPTAIN FLASH! YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AT ONCE! PLEASE CONTACT JETWAY AIRLINES IN NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY!"

RICKY, DO YOU MEAN YOU KNOW YOU'VE BEEN SO WRAPPED UP IN YOUR WORK YOU HAVEN'T READ THE PAPERS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS? SIX AIRLINERS HAVE DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR!



JUST VANISHED?  
YOU BETTER TELL  
ME THE  
WHOLE  
STORY!

I'LL TELL  
YOU ON THE  
WAY... IF  
YOU'RE GOING  
TO NEW YORK  
THAT IS!



OF COURSE I'M GOING!  
I'D BETTER PACK A  
FEW THINGS AND CALL  
THE AIRPORT RIGHT  
AWAY!

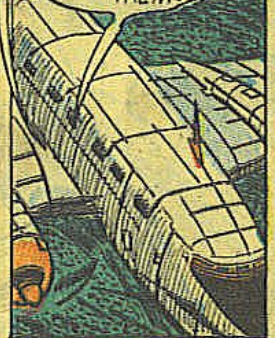
I KNEW THEY  
COULD COUNT ON  
YOU, KEITH... SO  
I'VE ALREADY MADE  
RESERVATIONS...  
FOR BOTH OF  
US! OUR SUIT-  
CASES ARE  
IN THE CAR!



FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER,  
A JETWAY AIRLINER  
TAKES OFF FROM ATOM  
CITY AIRPORT...

NOW THAT WE'RE ON  
OUR WAY, RICKY,  
LET'S HEAR ABOUT  
THOSE MISSING  
PLANES!

THERE IS  
NOT MUCH TO TELL,  
KEITH! AT FIRST  
THE PLANES  
WERE THOUGHT  
TO HAVE CRASHED,  
BUT NO WRECKAGE  
WAS FOUND! AND  
NOT A SIGN OF  
TWO HUNDRED  
PASSENGERS--  
ANY OF  
THEM!

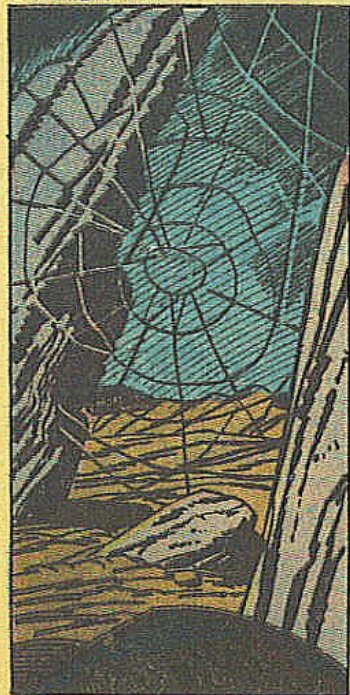


GREAT AIRLINERS CAN'T  
JUST DISAPPEAR!  
THEY'VE GOT TO BE  
SOMEWHERE!

SURE,  
BUT  
WHERE? THAT'S  
WHY JETWAY  
HAS SENT FOR  
CAPTAIN FLASH!  
IF HE CAN'T FIND  
THEM, THE  
AIRLINE WILL  
HAVE TO  
DISCONTINUE  
SERVICE!

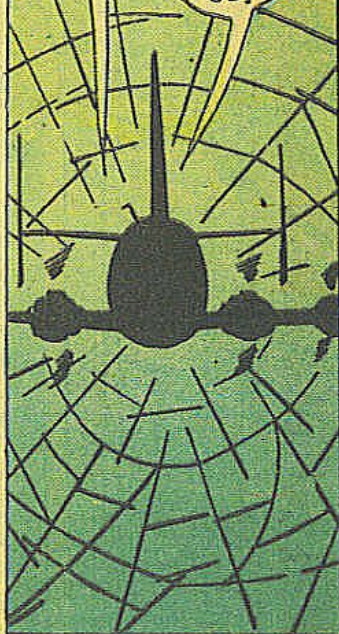


THE ANSWER TO THAT MYSTERY  
WILL COME SOONER THAN KEITH  
OR RICKY EXPECT. FAR AHEAD  
OF THE RACING AIRLINER, AL-  
MOST INVISIBLE IN THE DARK  
OF NIGHT...



KEITH!  
WE'VE  
HIT  
A  
MOUNTAIN!

IF WE HAD  
YOU WOULDN'T  
BE TELLING  
ME ABOUT  
IT! SOME-  
THING ELSE  
HAS  
STOPPED  
US!



WHILE THOSE ABOARD LIE DAZED,  
KEITH SPENCER PREPARES HIMSELF  
FOR ACTION... BY CLAPPING HIS  
HANDS!



...AND BECOMES  
CAPTAIN  
FLASH!



CAPTAIN FLASH...  
WE AREN'T  
FALLING... I  
DON'T  
UNDERSTAND!

MAYBE  
WE'RE ABOUT  
TO LEARN THE  
ANSWER TO  
THOSE  
MISSING AIR-  
LINERS, RICKY!

CAN YOU SEE  
WHAT'S HOLDING  
US UP, FLASH?

WE'RE CAUGHT  
IN A SPIDER-  
WEB, RICKY...  
A WEB OF  
FINE STEEL  
CABLE! RICKY!  
GET BACK  
AND CLOSE  
THAT  
DOOR!!

A MECHANICAL SPIDER,  
OPERATED BY REMOTE  
CONTROL!

AS CAPTAIN FLASH AND THE SPIDER  
ARE LOCKED IN COMBAT...

ROBOTS... GOING UP TO  
THE PLANE ... GOT TO  
STOP THEM!

THE SPIDER'S THICK STEEL  
HIDE AND THE CLUTCHING  
LEGS KEEP THE MIGHTY  
CAPTAIN FLASH TOO  
BUSY TO AID THE  
AIRLINE PASSENGERS...

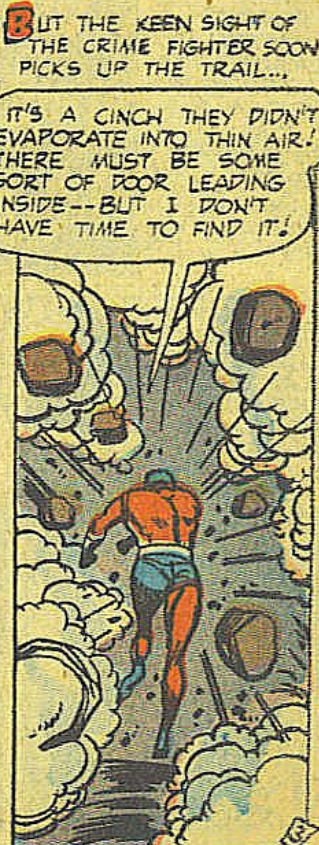
MY ONLY HOPE IS  
TO FIND A WEAK  
SPOT... IF IT  
HAS ONE!

IT HAS  
ONE, ALL  
RIGHT!

THEY'RE GONE!  
VANISHED! THE  
PLANE ... AND  
THE PASSENGERS!

BUT THE KEEN SIGHT OF  
THE CRIME FIGHTER SOON  
PICKS UP THE TRAIL...

IT'S A CINCH THEY DIDN'T  
EVAPORATE INTO THIN AIR!  
THERE MUST BE SOME  
SORT OF DOOR LEADING  
INSIDE-- BUT I DON'T  
HAVE TIME TO FIND IT!



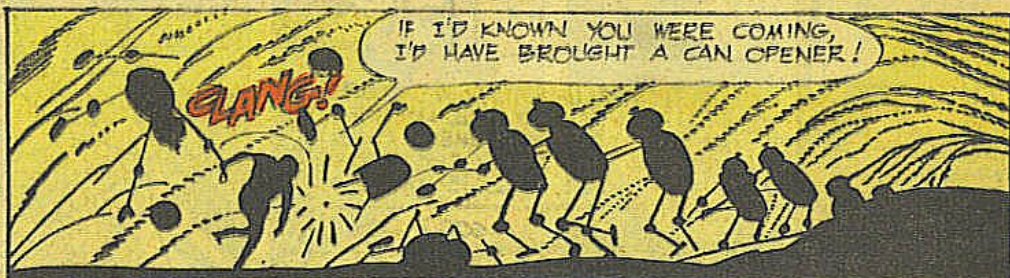
YOUR EVERY MOVE IS BEING WATCHED, CAPTAIN FLASH! GO BACK BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

IF YOU KNOW WHO I AM, THEN YOU MUST KNOW NOTHING CAN STOP ME!

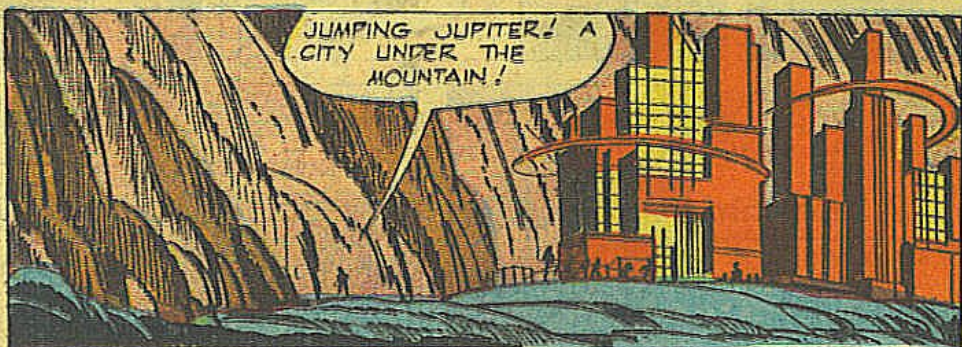
NO, NOTHING CAN STOP THIS GALLANT FIGHTER OF RADIATION-- NOT EVEN TONS OF ATOM-CHARGED FALLING HEAVY WATER...



NOR THE ROBOT ARMY THAT HAS BEEN SENT OUT TO MEET HIM...



ROUTING THE ROBOTS, CAPTAIN FLASH REACHES THE TUNNEL'S END, AND THEN BEHOLDS A FANTASTIC SIGHT...



JUMPING JUPITER! A CITY UNDER THE MOUNTAIN!

NOW I'VE GOT THE PICTURE! THE MISSING PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN MADE INTO SLAVES TO HELP BUILD THIS CITY! THERE MUST BE A HUMAN BRAIN BEHIND ALL THIS... SOMEONE WHO CONTROLS THE ROBOTS!

I SEE YOU MADE IT, CAPTAIN FLASH!

A HALF HOUR HAS PASSED, AND AS CAPTAIN FLASH'S POWER CHARGE WEAKENS, HIS ARMS ARE SEIZED FROM BEHIND IN A VISE-LIKE GRIP...

THAT VOICE IS FAMILIAR! WHO ARE YOU?

I AM ONE WHO KNOWS YOUR SECRET, CAPTAIN FLASH... OR IS IT PROFESSOR KEITH SPENCER NOW? THERE, MY PETS HAVE YOU SO YOU CAN'T CLAP YOUR HANDS! SINCE YOU ARE HELPLESS, I'M GOING TO LET YOU SEE WHO YOU ARE UP AGAINST!

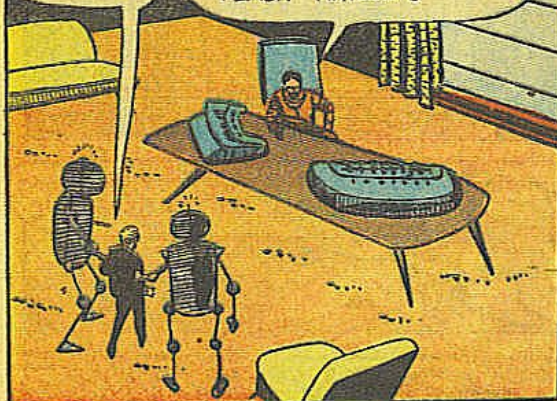
GOOD GOSH-- THEY'VE GOT KEITH! IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING TO HELP HIM WE'RE ALL DOOMED TO LIVE IN THIS CITY THE REST OF OUR LIVES!



**A** FEW MINUTES LATER, KEITH MEETS AN OLD ADVERSARY...

DR. KONRAD KRUEGER! I THOUGHT YOU WERE...

YOU THOUGHT YOU DESTROYED ME LAST TIME WE MET? WELL, NOW YOU SEE I ALMOST AS INDESTRUCTIBLE AS CAPTAIN FLASH HIMSELF!



SO FAR, SO GOOD!

YOU SEE WHAT MIRACLES I'VE CREATED HERE--AN EMPIRE OF MY OWN! I SHALL CONTINUE TO PEOPLE IT WITH CAPTIVES FROM THE OUTER WORLD!

YOU ALWAYS WERE POWER-MAD, KRUEGER! BUT REMEMBER--I FOUND YOU, AND OTHERS WILL FIND YOU, TOO!



OTHERS? BAH! THE WORLD IS FULL OF FOOLS! BUT YOU, PROFESSOR, YOU ARE BRILLIANT AND YOU HAVE THE POWER OF CAPTAIN FLASH! WE COULD RULE THIS EMPIRE TOGETHER... YOUR HIDDEN MIGHT... MY GENIUS!

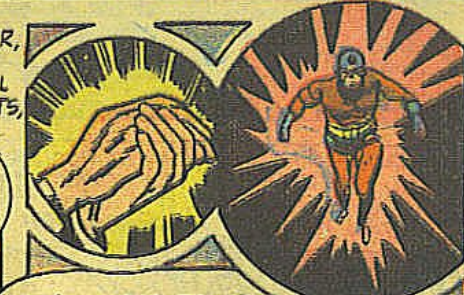
AN EVIL GENIUS! NO, KRUEGER, THIS EMPIRE WILL CRUMBLE INTO DUST BEFORE I EVER JOIN FORCES WITH YOU!



**R**ICKY, UNNOTICED BY KRUEGER, UNTIL TOO LATE, LUNGES FOR THE INSTRUMENT PANEL ON THE DESK! THE ROBOTS, AT ONCE RELEASE KEITH...

NO! DON'T!

GOOD BOY, RICKY! MY HANDS ARE FREE!



YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO HELP MY SLAVES ESCAPE! I'LL HAVE MY ROBOTS DESTROY THEM ALL!



**C**APTAIN FLASH MOVES WITH TWICE THE SPEED OF LIGHT, AND HIS FIST MAKES CONTACT! THE WOULD-BE EMPEROR SMASHES INTO THE INSTRUMENT PANEL...

THE ROBOTS ARE OUT OF CONTROL! THEY'RE RUNNING WILD THROUGH THE CITY!



**S**UDDENLY, THE ENTIRE MOUNTAIN TREMBLES, AND GREAT FISSURES OPEN IN THE GROUND! THE SLAVES FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES...

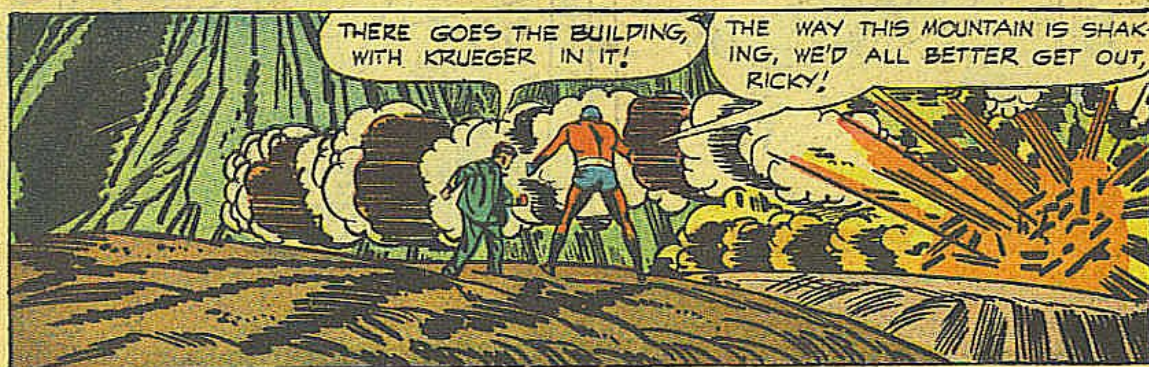
IT'S AN EARTHQUAKE!





THE SMASHED INSTRUMENT PANEL...IT HAS STARTED A SUBTERRANEAN CATACLYSM! MY EMPIRE IS CRUMBLING!

YOU'D BETTER GET OUT, KRUEGER, BEFORE IT TUMBLES DOWN ON TOP OF YOU!



THERE GOES THE BUILDING, WITH KRUEGER IN IT!

THE WAY THIS MOUNTAIN IS SHAKING, WE'D ALL BETTER GET OUT, RICKY!



CAPTAIN FLASH... WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THIS TUNNEL IN TIME!

MAYBE NOT... BUT I'M GOING TO GIVE IT A GOOD TRY, ANYHOW!

CAPTAIN FLASH RACES BACK THROUGH THE TUNNEL AGAIN AND AGAIN, CARRYING OUT THE HELPLESS SLAVES, UNTIL, AT LONG LAST...



TERRIFIC, CAPTAIN FLASH, YOU'VE SAVED EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM!

AS THE FIRST STREAKS OF MORNING FLOOD THE VALLEY...

TEN MINUTES LATER...

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, AT PROFESSOR KEITH SPENCER'S LAB...



WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT...THAT MOUNTAIN DOWN THERE! IT'S CAVING IN AND THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE BELOW!

HANG ON TO YOUR HAT, CHARLIE! I'M GOING TO TRY TO LAND ON THE FLOOR OF THAT VALLEY!

THERE WASN'T TIME TO SAVE THE SEVEN JETWAY AIRLINERS, BUT NOT ONE PASSENGER LOST HIS LIFE!

THANKS TO YOU, CAPTAIN FLASH!

WELL, DR. KRUEGER IS BURIED IN THAT MOUNTAIN! THE WORLD HAS ONE LESS TROUBLE-MAKER TO WORRY ABOUT!

I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, RICKY! I WONDER IF HE DID DIE IN THAT CITY OF HIS?



DO YOU THINK THE WILY SCIENTIST ESCAPED FROM THE DEATH TRAP? THE ANSWER MAY APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF CAPTAIN FLASH! WATCH FOR IT AT YOUR NEWSSTAND!

THE END